

In the Claims: Please amend the claims as indicated:

1. (Currently amended) A financial processing system operating ~~without human intervention~~ comprising:

a) automatic means for receiving a customer account data originating directly from a remote customer computer, and amount data from a remote merchant computer via a computer network, where the customer computer and merchant computer are separate and distinct computers;

~~b) automatic means for communicating said customer account data and said amount data to a remote bank computer via a telephone network;~~

b e) automatic means for ~~receiving~~ establishing an authorization indicia from ~~said a~~ bank computer ~~via the phone network~~; and,

c d) automatic means for ~~communicating via said computer network a representation of said authorization indicia to said merchant computer~~ based on said authorization indicia, means for connecting said customer computer to said merchant computer.

2. (Previously amended) The financial processing system according to claim 1, further including automatic means for communicating a unique password to said customer computer.

3. (Original) The financial processing system according to claim 2, further including automatic means for communicating via said computer network, said password and <sup>MA</sup> said representation of said transaction indicia to said remote customer computer.

4. (Original) The financial processing system according to claim 2, wherein said automatic means for receiving a customer account data includes means for establishing a data link with said remote customer computer. *Internet*

5. (Original) The financial processing system according to claim 2, wherein said automatic means for receiving a customer account data includes means for establishing a data link with said remote merchant computer.

6. (Deleted)

1 7. (Currently Amended) A financial transaction system operating without human intervention comprising:

2 a) a merchant computer containing promotional data, said merchant computer having automatic means for  
3 communicating said promotional data via a computer network to a remote computer; and,

4 b) a financial processing computer, remote from said merchant computer, said financial processing computer  
5 having automatic means for:

6 1) receiving customer account data and amount data via said computer network, ~~where the~~

7 ~~account data and amount data originate from separate and distinct locations;~~

8 2) obtaining an authorization indicia ~~via a telephone network~~, and,

9 3) ~~via said computer network, communicating a representation of said authorization indicia to a~~

10 ~~said merchant computer~~ based on said authorization indicia, connecting said remote computer to

11 said merchant computer; and;

12 ~~wherein said merchant computer includes automatic means for storing said representation of said authorization indicia~~

13 ~~within a memory of said merchant computer.~~

1 8. (Original) The financial transaction system according to claim 7, wherein said merchant computer

2 further includes automatic means for generating a shipping order in response to said representation of said

3 authorization indicia.

1 9. (Original) The financial transaction system according to claim 7,

2 a) wherein said financial processing computer further includes automatic means for communicating a  
3 password to said customer computer; and,

4 b) wherein said merchant computer further includes:

- 5 1) memory means containing secured data, and,  
6 2) automatic means for transmitting the secured data to said customer computer in response to the  
7 password.

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10. (Original) The financial transaction system according to claim 7, wherein said password and said transaction indicia are communicated to said customer computer via said merchant computer.

